

**THE MASTHEAD PLANE**

When you think of the Schneider Cup, you think of the Supermarine Spitfire, but the Italian firm Macchi was right in there among the top producers of racing planes. Their last plane was the Macchi MC.72, and it came within a gnat's whisker of winning the Cup. Technical problems kept it from competing in 1931, but in 1933 it set a speed record of 440.698 miles per hour, a record which wasn't touched for at least forty years. Its Fiat engine was created by combining two 12-cylinder engines to produce 3,000 h.p. Each engine fed through a separate gearbox to the final transmission for the contra-rotating props. Like the GB racers, the plane was designed around its engine(s). Steel tubing formed the engine compartment, while the rest of the plane was wood framing. The radiators, water and oil, were conformally mounted on the upper surface of the floats, with the plumbing running through the struts.

Aside from the contra-rotating props, which aren't that much of a problem if you go electric, this is a pretty straightforward plane to model. Of course, you have to select a power system that will let it go like lightning!

### DAM VIDEO LIBRARY

**Nick Kyriacou** is our new video librarian, taking over from **Ray Piper**. Thanks to both of you!



## PROPWASH

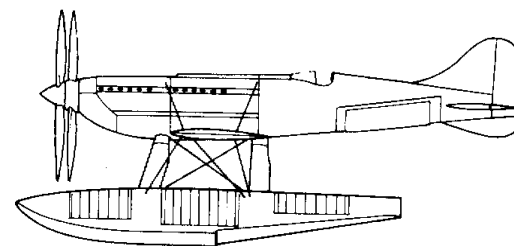
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### OFFICER NEEDED!

**WE NEED A TREASURER!** If we are to remain a chartered club of the AMA, we must have a treasurer. **Terry Kozlowski** has done a magnificent job. Now it's time for someone else to step in and continue the work. It's not that hard. If you can balance a checkbook, you can be a club treasurer. Don't look around to see who else will volunteer. It's your club, just do it!



### ELECTION NEWS

New officers were voted in at the November meeting, with one notable exception. With all precincts reporting, we have **Mark Blair** for president, and **Ray Piper** as vice-president. **Tim Kirsten** is our continuing secretary, but **NO ONE** accepted a nomination for treasurer! **Terry Kozlowski** graciously volunteered to continue until we can find another volunteer. **Dennis Gazdecki** is our safety officer, and **Bobby Harmon** is our field marshall. **Al Zerber** is our membership chair, and **Ken Goodlesky**, **Ron Wasielewski** and **Charles Henry** are our members-at-large.

**Bobby Harmon** was elected our Most Valuable Member, while **Mark Blair** got the nod for Most Improved Pilot.

### FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE

**Tom McNulty**, our club's representative to the Friends Of The Rouge, reported that the group made \$1700.00 on the recent 5K Run due to sponsors. They have a 501C3 which allows them to have sponsors. He mentioned that the 501C3 is a real hassle to manage.

## DAM SWAP

**Charley Thomas**, swap chairman, said the swap will be held on Sunday, January 11th. More details and volunteers will be called for at the next meeting.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

The 2008 Audit Committee ( **Ray Piper**, **Jim Thomas** and **Tim Kirsten** ) looked over the treasurer's books and approved of the financial records. Terry's books were very professional! GREAT JOB TERRY!

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## INDOOR FLYING RESUMES

Don't forget that indoor flying at Jefferson Elementary starts at 6 p.m. now, while school is open.

## DOOR PRIZE AND RAFFLE

**Stan Spiewak** won the door prize, a \$15.00 gift certificate to **Nankin Hardware**. **Mark Blair** won the raffle prize, a \$25.00 gift certificate also to **Nankin Hardware**.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership chairman **Al Zerber** reported that we have eighteen members signed up so far for 2009. We had 103 members for 2008. Al also announced some pilot up grades. **Bobby Harmon** joins Al as a TPI (Test Pilot Instructor). **Charles Henry**, **Bill Gillespie**, **Eric Henricksen**, and **Bob Hurd** all advanced to Pilot status. Al's Words of Wisdom to them was to suggest they might feel more comfortable with another pilot at their side for a while!

## SHOW AND TELL

**Dan Walsh** brought a Gentle Lady fuse and electric pod and asked some advice on where to place the battery pack and how to mount the motor pod on the wing.

**Ron Waz** brought a boned out fuse of a canard that was to be powered by Super Tiger 51. The weight of the finished model was unbelievable - over ten pounds. I sure hope that 51 has a gearbox on it!

## THEATER EVENT

DAM member **Mike Cuba** would like to invite the DAM members to see the play "You Can't Take It With You" that he's directing for the Spotlight Players. The show dates are 11/29, 12/5 and 12/6 at 8 p.m., and 11/23 and 11/30 at 2 p.m. at the Village Theater in Canton. Discount tickets are available at the website [spotlightplayers.net](http://spotlightplayers.net) The first weekend's performances were very well received by the audience!

**Tom Pounds** was at our last production, "Hello, Dolly!", and thoroughly enjoyed himself. It turns out his neighbor was in the show! The current production features two retired Detroit policemen, Dan and Pat McKane, who claim to know **Nick Kyriacou**.

See you there!

Michael Joseph Cuba

## Club meeting at the Redford Community Center

12/9	business meeting	7 p.m.
1/11	DAM swap	9 a.m.
1/13	business meeting	7 p.m.

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